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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of forming an assembly, classified in class 29, subclass 527.1.
 - II. Claims 11-15, drawn to a method of forming a reinforced structural assembly in an automotive vehicle, classified in class 29, subclass 897.2.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

1. Inventions of Group I and Group II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because Group II does not require the details such as the "mold is heated to a temperature between about 200° F and about 450° F", "wherein greater than about 50% of the fibers have a length greater than about 1.5 inches", and "wherein the thermosettable resin is between about 30% and about 60% by weight of the thermosettable material" for patentability. The subcombination has separate utility such as use in a combination other than "an automotive vehicle".

A telephone call was made to Scott Chapple on 04-06-2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarang Afzali whose telephone number is 571-272-8412. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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